

Milford Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

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Secretary Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: FCC DOCKET: 02-55

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I would like to bring to your attention an important issue that is negatively impacting the ability of our nation's first responders to do their jobs both quickly and safely. Critical communications are being impeded due to public safety radio interference. This is a dangerous problem that continues to escalate every day as the Commission continues its deliberations.

There is a plan currently under the FCC's consideration that will virtually eliminate public safety interference, provide additional spectrum to public safety and offer a future platform for communications networks that are needed to protect our communities all at no cost to Massachusetts residents or the American taxpayer.

This plan is the Consensus Plan and is the only appropriate solution. Other approaches are short-term band-aids that seek to alleviate the effects of interference. The Consensus Plan will solve the problem of interference.

Highly reliable communications for public safety professionals saves and protects lives. My fellow police officers and other first responders need the support of the FCC in resolving this critical issue. Please implement the Consensus Plan without further delay.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas O'Loughlin
Chief of Police